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Neither Counsel for Officials Nor Government Will Discuss Its Nature.

MUCH SPECULATION CAUSED

Lawyers for Bank to Fight for Bill of Particulars on Perjury Charges.

The controversy between officials of the Riggs National Bank and the District Attorney, precipitated yesterday by an appeal of the bank officers to the court for a speedy trial on pending perjury indictment, is today cloaked in an air of mystery that has converted interest in the outcome of the legal battle into curiosity concerning one particular phase of the case.

Financial and legal circles are speculating today over the nature of a request made of the district attorney by ccunsel for the bank in the course of correspondence relative to expediting the trials of Charles C. Glover, president of the Riggs: William J. Flather, the vice president, and H. H. Flather, former cashier, on the perjury indictments returned last October.

"Very Unusual Request,"

In a prepared statement issued last night, District Attorney Laskey said that when it was suggested to him on January 6, last, that the defendants desired the earliest possible trial, "the suggestion was only incidental to a VERY UNUSUAL REQUEST ON THE PART OF THE DEFENDANTS, the carrying out of which prevented, until February 4, even an approximation of the time of the trial."

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Both Mr. Laskey and counsel for the indicted bankers declined to reveal the request but Mr Laskey intimated today that this request will prove a feature of the answer which he will make in the District Supreme Court tomorrow to the motions filed yesterday by counsel for the bankers.

When asked what the request was, he replied:

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"The request wil be embraced in my answer tomorrow. I do not care to make an embraced in the state of the stat

day.

J. Darlington one of the counsel for the bankers, would not discuss the nature of the request further than to say that it was not unusual, being frequently made in both criminal and

Ask Bill of Particulars.

Neither representatives of the Government, nor the attorneys for the bank are inclined to discuss the case today. Others close to the bankers, however, say that counsel for the indicted men will make no particular fight for an

will make no particular fight for an earlier date for the trials. May 8 having been already set, but will bend their efforts to obtaining through the aid of the court a bill of particulars on which the indictments are based.

The bank officers are deeply concerned over a possible refusal by Comptroller of the Currency Williams of a renewal of the bank's charter at its expiration on July 1. They claim they have reason to believe he will refuse renewal unless the trials shall have been held and the officials acquitted.

District Attorney Laskey promised the bill of particulars, according to the affidayits filed by the bankers yesterday, as long ago as February II, but has not yet carried out his promise.

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Should he delay much longer, those who are claiming to be familiar with the bankers' side of the case, contend that counsel for the bank officers would be compelled to ask for a continuance when the case is called on May 8 ir

order to prepare their side.

This, it is said, with the court calendar prepared, would mean that the carliest date possible for a hearing under the continuance would be some-(Continued on Second Page.)

#### Suffrage Leaders To Use "Big Stick"

Will Hold "Balance of Power Convention" at Chicago. Claim 5,000,000 Votes.

Woman suffrage leaders here are planning to use the big stick. The 5,000,000 votes which women say they will cast at the coming Presidential elections is the stick. Leaders here today, working on the theory that these votes might easily constitute the balance of political power, announced plans for holding a "balance of power convention" at Chi-cago at the same time the Republican and Progressive conventions are in ses-

Work of establishing branches of the

Work of establishing branches of the "balance of power" organizations throughout the United States began today, under the auspices of the Congressional Union.

The suffrage leaders frankly admitted the convention was to be a club to whip candidates into line. They said they would not be directly affiliated with any party, but would favor a Presidential nominee who would give them the strongest assurance that the suffrage amendment would receive favorable action.

# Colored Diplomat

One Carnegie peace medal for Eddie Savoy, please. Eddle averted an international complication today.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British ambas-sador, was heading into Counselor Polk's office in the State Department. "Pahdon, suh." said the colored mes-senger, Eddie; "Mistah Polk is busy for a moment. suh."

He steered Sir Cecil into an adjoining room just in time to avoid Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador, coming out of Polk's office.

#### 48 PERISH ON LINER

LONDON, April 6 .- Forty-eight persons lost their lives through the sinking of the British liner Zent by a submarine.

The Zent was torpedoed and sent to the bottom without warning. The captain and ten survivors of the crew of the Zent were landed at Queenstown this morning. They agree that the ship was torpedoed without warning.

The Zent listed badly and began sinking immediately after the

### Prizes Are Awarded In Times Competition For Window Displays

Stores With Best Exhibits Are Selected By Judges. Announcement of Winners Selected By Readers Will Be Delayed Owing to Vast Number of Entries.

With praise from the merchants, from the thousands of Washingtonians who have entered the contest for the cash prizes and from the judges appointed to make the awards, The Washington Times Window Display Contest is ended and the five prize winners

Class A.-King's Palace.

Class B .- D. J. Kaufman.

Class C.-Whitmore, Lynn & Alden Company.

Class D.-W. B. Moses & Sons.

Class E.-Shaffer, the Florist.

The announcement of the winners of the \$10 cash prizes will not be made for a day or two for the simple reason that so many readers of The Times sent in lists of the windows they considered the best dressed that it is impossible to classify them in one day.

A force of clerks has been at work on the coupons ever since the contest closed last night at 7 o'clock. It is expected that there will be some announcement ready tomorrow.

KEEN INTEREST DISPLAYED.

test. The interest is regarded as of a most practical character because the comments of the readers of The Times as noted on the coupons that have so far been examined, indicate a very clear understanding of what the Window Display competition in making their awards of the prizes

judges had their difficulties. They were

Never in the history of the city has there been so much interest displayed in the merchants and their wares as that they have insisted in giving hence the competitors. And the vote was so close that they have insisted in giving hence the competition in several merchants that they have insisted in giving hence the competition in the several merchants and their wares as the falled of a prize by a very narrow margin.

who failed of a prise by a very narrow margin.

The judges were unanimous in their statement that the window display of Whitmore, Lynn & Aiden Co., the jewelers, of 1225 F street, was the most artistic and efficient of all those examined. This window won the prise in Class C. The judges gave this display 95 points out of the 100 that would mean perfection. The judges were also unani-

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# SOPER TRIAL BEGINS; HAUCOURT TAKEN IN PLEA IS NOT GUILTY GERMAN ATTACK

For Killing of Harry Lattimer by Motor Truck.

Trial of William O. Soper. a huckster on a charge of mansiaughter as a re-suit of the killing of Harry A. Latti-mer by a motor truck at Drummond mer by a motor truck at Drummond November 24, was begun today at Rock Soper was arraigned before Judges Edward C. Peter and Glenn H. Worth-ington and pleaded not guilty to the

charge.

lie is represented by Attorneys John
A. Garrett, of Rockville, and Leo Weinberg, of Frederick. State's Attorney
Albert M. Boule has Attorney W. O.
Spates associated with him as assistant

prosecutor.
Following the defendant's plea, the selection of the jury was begun. The following residents of Montgomery county were selected as members of the

county were selected as members of the jury:
William S. Caulfield, foreman; Leonidas W. Adamson, Benoni D. Allnutt, William E. Roberson, Robert L. Tolson, James Halpin, James F. Turner, Thadius T. Bussard, George E. Nicholson, William McVain, Clay Edwards, and Thomas L. Leichleider.

After the selection of the jury the court took a recess until this afternoon, when the opening statements of the two sides will be made and the taking of testimony will begin.

Soper was accompanied to court by his wife, and several relatives of Lattimer also were in court to testify or hear the evidence.

#### Sexton Hangs Self In Church Belfry

Mind Affected by 31 Years of Solitary Watch at St. Paul's,

Aged Man Ends Life. NEW YORK. April 6.—The rope which for thirty-one years he had pulled to invoke the voice of the giant bronze bell in historic St. Paul's chapel was Sex-

Averts New Crisis

One Carnegie peace medal for Eddie livey, please. Eddie averted an interlitional complication today.

In historic St. Paul's chapel was Sexton Philip G. Walter's death instrument today.

High in St. Paul's chapel was Sexton Philip G. Walter's head in the coar and disorder of Broadway and Fulton streets below was stilled. Walter's body was found hanging from a neces.

His friends say the loneliness of his Kirl at the church affected Walter's mind. He was sixty years old, and for thirty-cne years rang out St. Paul's call to services.

St. Paul's was Walter's pride and life.
St. Paul's is the oldest church in Naw

York. George Washington once was shined there, and in 1776 part of his inaugural ceremonies where held there.

# Huckster Arraigned in Rockville Paris Admits Advance North

west of Verdun-French Gain in Cares Woods.

BERLIN, April 6.-German troops have captured Haucourt, ten miles from Verdun, as well as a French point of support east of the village, the war office announces. The Germans took 542 prisoners.

PARIS, April 6.—German troops reachd the village of Haucourt last night in a series of violent assaults on the rench front northeast of Verdun, the ar office admits.

Heavy German attacks against the village of Bethincourt were repulsed. The German advance was offset by an important French victory in the Cares wood fighting. The French carried the wood, taking fifty prisoners. On the east bank of the Meuse, two German attacks against French posttions in Caillette wood, south of Douaumont fort, were repulsed, the enemy suffering frightful losses.

Battle Line Lengthens.

The luli in the fighting northwest of Verdun was broken by the Germans late yesterday afternoon. The battle spread from the eastean section of the

spread from the eastern section of the Argonne to the Cares wood, northeast of Esnes.

The French first attacked in the Argonne, inflicting heavy losses on the Germans and taking twenty prisoners. The Germans then charged French positions east of the Argonne sector and the engagement gradually spread to the Avecourt woods, south of Malancourt. French artillery turned a heavy bombardment on the German positions in the wood, pounding with pieces of all sizes, with the Germans vigorously replying.

Germans Decimated.

Toward nightfall the Germans suddenly emerged from their positions with simultaneous attacks on the village of Bethincourt, to the east of Malancourt and against Haucourt village, south of Malancourt.

Malancourt.

French guns stationed on Hill 30i and around Esnes decimated the advancing Germans with a terrible fire. In spite of their losses they pressed forward and succeeded in reaching Haucourt village. The village is now under fire of French artillery. and succeeded in reaching Haucourt village. The village is now under fire of French artillery. Meanwhile French troops, following up an effective artillery preparation, charged the German position in Cares wood. The Germans were swept out of the forest, losing fifty prisoners, in addition to killed and wounded.

# Fragments of Shell Compare Union Employes Meet at Balls-

Exactly With Sections of German Torpedoes.

TEXT OF REPORT HELD UP OVER 300 MEN INVOLVED

cials Decline to Discuss Submarine Issue.

Fragments of a torpedo shell picked from the deck of the English Channel steamer Sussex, after the explosion which sent that vessel to the bottom compare exactly with sections of German torpedoes captured by the French

This is the startling evidence contained in a report received by the State Department from the American naval attache in Paris, according to reliable information obtained today.

That the evidence has added tremendously to the gravity of the situation is hown by the fact that every effort has peen made by officials of the department to prevent the text of the report

Lansing to See Wilson.

Secretary of State Lansing, who is refusing to discuss any phase of the submarine controversy, arranged today for a long conference this afternoon with the President. Although he indicated beforehand that it was not his purpose to discuss the submarine issue, it is regarded as certain that the subject will come up in the conversation.

Officials of the Administration are apparently of the opinion that the time is rapidly approaching when the United States will either have to insist on a modification of Germany's new undersea campaign at the cost of a threat to sever diplomatic relations, or will have to withdraw from the previous stand it has taker that submarine warfare must be conducted in accordance with the established rules of civilized warfare. purpose to discuss the submarine issue

with the established rules of civilised warfare.

Hour after hour the cables are bringing to the State Department reports of more ships sunk without warning. While in none of the cases has there been absolute proof that a German submarine has been seen before an attack was made, the accumulation of cases is such as to make it almost certain that the U-boats are at work.

Fifty Lives Lost.

On the heels of the press reports to-Zent had been torpedoed without warning with the loss of 46 lives, the State Department got word from the American consul at Havre, France, that the Norwegian ship Baus had been torpedced twelve miles off that port with the loss of four lives. In neither case is there evidence that Americans were on board.

Count you Bernston

on board.
Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, is making no effort to see Secretary Lansing, and, volunteer any explanations. Apparently he has received his cue from Berlin to keep mum and appear to know nothing.

The position of Germany seems to be that the burden of proof is on the United States, and that so long as the submarines work under surface no proof can be obtained.

#### Roosevelt Will Be 'Put Up' Tomorrow

Republican Subcommittee Will Be Presented With His

Name. CHICAGO, April 6 .- "How about Roosevelt?" is the flat-footed question to be hurled into the meeting of the subcommittee of the Republican national committee here tomorrow, G. O. P. chieftains admitted today.

The colonel's announcement from Oyser Bay has upst plans o fthe Republicans, who hoped to name a temporary chairman for the national convention

Despite the colonel's statement, Fred W. Upham, national committeeman from Illinois, declared today he did not beieve Roosevelt really is a candidate. "I do think," said Upham, "that some one satisfactory to the colonel may be selected, and I think Roosevelt will be

Chairman Hilles and other members of the subcommittee will arrive in Chicago

#### Miss Jane Addams Is Seriously Ill

Precarious Condition Makes Her Cancel Trip to Peace Conference.

NEW YORK, April 6.-Miss Jane Ad dams, noted Chicago social worker, is suffering from tuberculosis of the kidney and is in a precarlous state of health, though her condition shows some improvement at present, Miss Emily Greene Balch declared before she sailed today to sit as an alternate for Miss Addams at the Ford peace tribunal in Stockholm, "Miss Addams is now undergoing a

course of treatment for an attack of tuberculosis of the kidney, with diabetic complications," said Miss Balch. "Her health is in a precarious condition, but it is much better than it has been. It is hoped that a few more months o rest and treatment will enable her to make the journey to Stockholm."

Miss Balch, who is a professor of economics and sociology at Wellesley College, said she had been authorized to make this statement for Miss Addams, who wished to dispel any further conjecture about reports of her illness.

ton to Determine on Course

Situation Now So Grave Offi- Washington and Old Dominion Workers Join-in Washington and Virginia Demands.

> Washington-Virginia Rallway Company "locked out" forty or more of its motormen and conductors today be-

> The "lock out" was literal, the doors of the barns being barred to all employee who admitted they belonged to Division 699 Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employes

The reply of the "locked out" employer was a call for a meeting in Pythian Temple in Ballston, Va., "for the purpose of calling a strike against the com-

pose of calling a strike against the com-pany," according to the spokesman for the unionists.

The meeting was called to order short-ly before 2 o'clock this afternon by L. A. Stern, an organizer for the American Federation of Labor.

Rezin Orr, who organized the Virginia car men, and who also organized the Washington traction employes, was scheduled to make the principal address.

Anticipated Strike. Officials of the company said this afternoon that they had anticipated a trike and the service would not be affected. They declared they had sufcient men to man their cars and main-

ficient men to man their cars and maintain their regular schedules.

They reiterated their statement that only a small percentage of the force is dissatisfied with the present scale of wages and hours, and that these dissatisfied men have been discharsed.

The Washington-Old Dominion Company became involved in the grievances today when a committee of its employes presented demands for reduction in hours and increases in wages.

While the Washington-Virginia Company insists only forty or fifty of its 250. pany insists only forty or fifty of its 285 men are involved. Organizers Stern and Orr said 36 per cent of the employes are

Nearly 300 Men Affected. Nearly 200 employes of the Washing-ton and Old Dominion Company are affected by the demands presented today,

fected by the demands presented today, as shorter hours and more pay are demanded for engineers. firemen, motormen, conductors, flagmen, yardmen, shopmen, and other employes.

The Washington-Old Dominion system is much larker than the Washington-Virginia. Its lines extend to Great Falls and Bluemont, and almost as much freight business is handled as passenger. The steam division covers about forty miles, and the electric about 100.

Today's demands apply to the freight Today's demands apply to the freight employes as well as men in the passenger service, and to the engineers and firemen in the steam division.

W. B. Emmert, general superintendent of the Washinston-Old Dominion Company, this afternoon said he had received the demands of the men, drawn up in

#### the form of an agreement, which the employes want the company to sign. Clerks Balloting For Union's Head

Voting by Federal Employes Will Be Continued Until Tomorrow Night.

Balloting for permanent officers of he Federal Employes' Union, which began yesterday, continued today and

will end at midnight tomorrow. At that hour the polls will be close and counting will be begun by the election judges. Announcement of the permanent officers' names will be made

permanent officers' names will be made as early Saturday as the count can be inished.

The balloting for officers continued spirited today, there being considerable friendly rivalry among the various departments for the positions of honor, riowever the officers are selected, each department of the Government will have representation in the administration brough the executive committee. have representation in the administration through the executive committee. The nominees for president are H. M. McLarin, now serving as temporary executive, and who is employed in the War Department: F. A. Birgfeld, a Treasury Department employe, and Joseph L. Rhodes, of the Department of Agriculture. Supporters of candidate McLarin said the prestige given him by the temporary presidency was standing him in good stead and they looked for an easy victory for him.

#### Ford Leads Smith In Primary Fight House.

DETROIT, Mich., April 6 .- Selection of Henry Ford as the "favorite son" of Michigan Republicans is generally con-

Michigan Republicans is generally conceded today.

Late figures from Monday's primary show the pacifist leading Senator William Alden Smith by nearly 2,500 votes, with only eleven small counties and a number of precincts in several other counties unreported. The vote was Ford, 56,121; Smith, 52,634.

With the decision apparently in Ford's favor, politicians are speculating on the effect of the vote. Ford has declared repeatedly that he is not a candidate and will make no use whatever of the Michigan ideigation of thirty to the Republican convention.

Despite Ford's flat assertion that under no circumstances will be consent to seek office, there continues to be some apprehension among preparedness advocates, who fear that his friends may enter him in new fields. Ford's name, they point out, is already entered on the Nebraska primary ticket in opposition to Senator Cummins of Iowa. There is time for the Ford forces to jump into the fight in Maryland.

Organizer of New Union Of Virginia Car Men



L. A. STERN.

Chief Border Agent of De Facto Government Declares It Is Useless for Army to Stay.

EL PASO, April 6-Consul Garcia Carrange official along the border, today eclared himself in favor of the United itates troops withdrawing from Mexico Garcia's views is believed here to reflect those of the Carransa government.

"The American expedition has achieved its purpose of breaking Villa's strength and scattering his followers," said Garcia. "It is not necessary to capture Villa to make the expedition a success. It would be useless to have thousands of men pursue him, As it may take an indefinite time to capture him. take an indefinite time to capture him. "Villa can be captured more easily by offering a big reward. There is no reason in my opinion for the American army pursuing the campaign further.

#### No Official Confirmation of Troops Leaving Mexico

Reports, given widespread circulation that the American forces may be with drawn from Mexico without accomplishing the primary purpose—the capture of Villa—were received with silence in official circles today.

Secretary Lansing said he had not been advised of any change in the original plans of the campaign, which were to capture Villa. He referred inquirers to the War Department. Secretary Baker said he could not discuss the diplomatic phases of the sit-

uation. He referred inquirers to the

State Department.

Rumprs of changes in plans grew out of the delay in obtaining permission from Carranza for the use of the Mexican railways to take in supplies to General Pershing's base.

Negotiations over the protocol with Carranza, apparently, are deadlocked. One report gaining grounds is that Carranza desires to restrict the zone of operations of the American forces, now drawing near the Durango state line.

If he has given any intimation to the United States that he objects to the continued campaign of the American army there is no official verification.

#### Congress Delegate For D. C. Favored

Pomerene Thinks Senate Also Should Have Local Rep-

Further indications were given today that the judiciary subcommittee of the Senate District Committee, of which Senator Pomerene is the head, will report in favor of the Poindexter bill for a District delegate in the

The subcommittee held a meeting and discussed the bill at length. It did not complete consideration but got partly through the measure and adjourned with the understanding it would meet early next week.

Senator Pomerene's suggestion that Senator Pomerene's suggestion that the bill be modified to provide for a delegate both in House and Senate was brought up, but there was not sufficient time to discuss it at length.

Senator Pomerene holds that the District is entitled to a delegate in each branch of Congress.

The Chamberlain suffrage amendment was not considered. Probabilities are that this measure will not receive favorable consideration at this session. It is the feeling of some of the subcommutate that there is not sufficient time to dispose of it.

Four Lives Lost on Torpedoed Norse Ship

BAVRE, April 6 .- An unnamed Norwegian steamer has been sunk in the Charnel, with the loss of four courteen of the crew were saved.

Citizens' Federation Delegate Tells Commission of Plan For Railroads.

IMMEDIATE ACTION

W. McK. Clayton Thinks Mistake Would Be Made in Awaiting Valuation.

"To issue without waiting the completion of the valuations an order requiring the issuance of free universal transfers would be the quickest and most effective method of securing the consolidation of the street railway companies,"

This suggestion was offered by William McK. Clayton, chairman of the committee on public utilities of the Federation of Citizens' Associations at a conference with the Public Utilities Commission today to consider a merger of the street railway companies and other transportation problems.

ANSWER TO NEWMAN.

It was made in answer to the reques of Commissioner Newman that he state what he considered the most practicable method of bringing about a merger. Mr. Clayton argued that under the act of 1894, providing that every street railway company whose lines connect shall issue reciprocal transfers, the commission has power to immediately such order. The act has never been an-

road Company against the metropolitan Hailway Company, involving trackage arrangements, in which the latter com-pany, which was the predecessor of the Washington Railway and Electire Com-pany, admitted the validity of the law of 1894, and that the transfers should be free.

Is Not Bound. The suggestion was made by Commissioner Brownlow that the Washing-

on Railway and Electric Company would not be bound by the action of its predecessor. Anticipating an appeal to the courts, Commissioner Newman said that whether an order for free universal transfers was based on the act of 184 or on the public utilities act, the courts would be called upon to decide whether it was a confiscatory act.

Mr. Clayton declared, in answer to this, that in view of the strong public opinion in favor of universal transfers he did not believe the railway companies would appeal to the courts.

Commissioner Brownlow pointed out said that whether an order for free uni-

Commissioner Brownlow pointed out that the valuations now being estab-lished might result in an order for a reduced fare if it were shown that the companies could operate profitably under such conditions.

under such conditions.

The commission gave no indication that it would depart from its original intention not to take up the questions of universal transfers until the completion of the valuations, but manifested great interest in Mr. Clayton's suggestion regarding the proposed merger.

Mr. Clayton also urged that the commission give attention to the "speeding.up" of schedules. The public, he said, is partially responsible for delay in the movement of the street cars by failing to leave the cars promptly.

Legislation Suggested.

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As a means of relieving congested conditions during rush hours, he suggested that Government employes be equired to report at different hours. Commissioner Brownlow said that as this is a matter involving fifteen de-partments, legislation might be needed to enforce such an order. The merchants also, he said, might oppose the change on the ground that it would necesitate a re-arrangement of hours for their employes.

Mr. Clayton urged the abolition of the fire-stops in the interest of improved schedules and time saving.

The installation of electrical devices at the points of intersection between the street car lines and fire apparatus routes would meet the requirements, he said, and result in the saving of much time.

Ciayton of lack of ventilation in the center-entrance cars and the dust nuisance. The companies, he said, should be compeiled to sprinkle their tracks.

Others present at the conference were Evan H. Tucker, D. A. Edwards, Donald McPherson, and Dr. L. D. Walter,

#### One Killed, Eight Hurt In New Zeppelin Raid

LONDON, April 6.—One person was killed and eight injured in last nigth's Seppelin raid on England, the fifth of the present week, the war office announced this afternoon. A single Zeppelin visited the northeast

A single zeppelin visited the northeast coast. Its approach was reported half an hour before it reached the coast, and the raider was warmly welcomed by coast batteries of anti-aircraft guns.

The Zeppelin was so liberally bombarded that it turned and fled within afteen minutes after reaching the coast.